

where learning was an unquestioned good, where there was no such thing as "geekiness," when I realized that all of us were there because we wanted to learn.

There were 16 of us in the class of 1960. I can name them all, fondly and with pride: Jim Hart, LeClair Greenblatt, Clark Smeltzer, "E.R." Boles, David Creekmore, Hugh Faust, Jim Bradley, Doug Newton, Chip Osborn, Sam Colville, Peter Krapf, Ed McCampbell, Sterling Shuttleworth, Kit Ewing, Jeff Goodson and me. Yes, "me," direct object of the verb "to name" in the previous sentence. Thank you, Miss Freeman.

Fondly, because of the friendships, successes, embarrassments, mistakes, follies and secrets. With pride, because of our progress in four years to a Webb-shaped maturity. There were also moments of grace: Jeff Goodson teaching me to tie a bow tie; it took Jeff three days, but it stuck Sam Colville teaching me to drive straight shift, in his own creampuff '55 Chevy with three on the column. It took him all track season, driving from the new campus to Fulton High School. Coach Sharp had gotten us practice privileges at Fulton. The new campus on Cedar Bluff Road didn't have a track; it barely had a football field.

By now we have read the obituaries, the newspaper articles, the tributes. All the talk about Robert Webb in the community, Bob Webb the force for social good.

For me and for many of us, there is no Robert Webb, no Bob Webb. There is only the great and fine man we called and always will call "Mr. Webb." He limped into our lives in the basement of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church and changed each one of us forever.

So Mr. Webb is dead? I don't think so. "But," they say—the people who believe Mr. Webb is dead—"there was the memorial service. The singing of hymns. There was the great obit by Jack Neely in Metropulse. There was the long obit in the News Sentinel. He's dead, they say. Nope, Mr. Webb is not dead; never will be.

In my life and I hope in yours there is an unbroken line of great teachers. For me, the line is: Miss Freeman, who taught me seventh-grade English at Tyson Junior High School. Mr. Webb, who introduced me to Latin in the ninth grade. Ted Bruning, my English teacher for the four years at Webb. R.E. Sharp, the teacher of life skills at Webb. And John Sobieski, professor of civil procedure at the "University of Tennessee law school.

The line is unbroken not because these great teachers are all still alive but because they are all still with me. They always will be. They live in my house. They are with me when I talk to my children, they are with me when I try to be my best, they are with me when I reach out to others. These five fine people required hard work and excellence in their own lives and expect the same of me.

I had some good teachers at Harvard and Yale. But I had my great teachers, my five great teachers, right here in Knoxville. I don't know what that means. Perhaps the best teaching is done by those who are not overly impressed with themselves, by those who know that you never stand so tall as when you reach down to help someone, by those who love learning and want you to share that love.

Henry Brooks Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity. He never knows where his influence stops." Mr. Webb affected our eternities. He trained us to excellence. Mr. Webb wanted the best from each of us, there in the basement of the church. We delivered him our best because of his enthusiasm for learning. We delivered him our best because of his evident joy in the life of the mind. We delivered him our best because of his love of life itself.

He wanted us to be leaders. We became leaders because we wanted to be like him. He took mere human beings and produced leaders. You know the Latin in the coat of arms: You went to Webb.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICK JOSEPH BRADLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick Joseph Bradley, loving husband of Joan (Nicoletti), father of Jesse 21 and Nicholas 16 and brother of James, Daniel, Joseph and Allen Bradley passed away Thursday, February 2, 2006.

Pat was a devoted husband to his wife Joan and a wonderful father who participated in every activity concerning both his sons. Pat coached both Jesse and Nicholas' sports teams and tirelessly volunteered at the Water Tower Recreation Center. Thanks to Pat's efforts as a Democratic Committeeman and Board Member of the Chestnut Hill Youth Sports League he was able to secure thousands of dollars in funding for the Water Tower Recreation Center.

As a very active member in the community he served as a board member of Chestnut Hill Youth Sports League, a Democratic Committeeman to the 9th ward 4th division. As a pillar of the community he was also a founding member of Chestnut Hill Run for the Hill Member Jenks Home and School Association. In tribute to a wonderful husband, father, brother and pillar of the community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to honor him and all of his accomplishments.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, last spring, China passed the anti-secession law to give Chinese leaders the right to use force against Taiwan if they suspect separatist activities in Taiwan. This law assumes the unification of China and Taiwan and proposes that those opposed to the unification are subject to punishment. In addition to the enactment of the anti-secession law, China's rapid military build-up has given the Taiwanese people a sense of dread.

In a recent public opinion poll, 70 percent of Taiwanese people oppose China's institution of the "anti-secession" law. Mr. Speaker, the freedom loving people of Taiwan deserve to be treated with respect. I stand with the people of Taiwan in their zeal for freedom and liberty.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ED WYNN OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa County Chief Investigator Ed Wynn of Napa, California as he retires after 35 years of distinguished public service.

A California native, Ed was born in Berkeley to parents Dick and Katherine Wynn. Ed graduated from Napa High School in 1967 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Golden Gate University in 1977.

Mr. Speaker, Ed's brutal honesty, strong leadership and commitment to doing the right thing have made him indispensable to protecting the residents of Napa County. While earning his degree, Ed was hired by the Napa County Sheriff's Office in September of 1970 to serve as a Deputy Sheriff and head the Napa County jail. After 15 years of increasing responsibilities, Ed was promoted to Chief Investigator in 1995. Over the last 10 years, he has been a leader and a mentor within his division and throughout the entire District Attorney's office.

Ed has also been a leader in our community by dedicating his time to numerous organizations, including Native Sons of the Golden West, Moose Lodge, Legions of Valor Association and the Navy League Association. He has also served as a basketball coach for St. John's Middle School and the Napa County Recreational Youth League.

Mr. Speaker, as any of his friends or colleagues will tell you, Ed is a man of integrity, justice and honor. One of Ed's most discernible characteristics is his love for our country. He is a true American hero. Shortly after Ed graduated from high school in 1967, he enlisted in the Marines. That same year Ed was deployed to Vietnam. During his tour, Ed fought valiantly for our country. He courageously risked his own life to save the lives of others and was nearly killed on three separate occasions. In recognition of his bravery, Ed was awarded three purple hearts, the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest honor.

I believe I speak on behalf of Ed's wife, Joyce, his children Dan, Mike, Jim, Holly and his three grandchildren Mathew, Tyson and Madison when I say we are all extremely proud of him.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we take this time to thank and honor Ed Wynn for his unwavering dedication to Napa County and to our country. On behalf of the entire United States Congress and our grateful nation, I wish Ed the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to introduce this resolution congratulating the 2005 University of Portland